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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES TO 420,700 IN JANUARY

Overall employment in Rhode Island fell in January, mainly as a result of sharp seasonal decreases in the Trade, Service, Construction, and Jewelry-Silverware sectors of the State's economy, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 420,700 in January. While this figure represents a loss of 10,700 jobs from the December level of 431,400, it is 2,500 above the January 1985 total of 418,200.

EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES REVISED

Published estimates for 1984 and 1985 have been revised to a first quarter 1985 benchmark. Current figures reflect data on new firms, expansion or contraction in existing firms not sampled, as well as noncovered establishments, and also reflect changes in assigned industrial coding caused by product or service changes occurring in 1984-1985.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing jobs in Rhode Island declined by 2,000 in January to a level of 118,800. In addition, this figure represents a drop of 700 from the total of 119,500 reported in January 1985. In the Durable Goods category, the January employment total of 81,100 was down 1,700 from the December level and decreased 500 from the figure reported one year ago. The current Nondurable Goods employment of 37,700 was 300 below the December total and declined 200 from the year ago level.

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EMPLOYERS! RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE CAN HELP YOU

During 1985 the Rhode Island Job Service assisted many employers in filling their job openings. In the calendar year ending December 31, 1985 over 59% of all the job openings listed by employers with the Job Service were filled. A total of 20,119 job placements were made during that twelve-month period. Youth under age 22 accounted for over 46% of these placements and another 12% were veterans, including nearly eleven hundred Vietnam-era veterans.

The Job Service is also responsive to the needs of job applicants who experience barriers to employment. More than 640 of the total placements were handicapped job-seekers, another 16% were members of minority groups and 12% of all the individuals placed were 40 years of age or older.

The Job Service is an experienced public employment agency and its trained professional staff can help you fill the openings in your work force. The Job Bank is a computerized listing of job openings statewide. If you need workers call the Job Bank at 277-3588 (or toll-free Enterprise 2265). There is never a fee for using the R.I. Job Service. The Job Service operates a system of twelve local offices throughout Rhode Island. There's one near you. See the listing on page 2 of this Bulletin.

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Middletown, ...847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
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Employer Services 277-3573
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Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1986-P	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
Total Placements	1,190	1,302	1,751
New Applications	3,358	2,945	4,674
New Openings Rec'd.	1,724	1,657	2,419

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	% Change Dec. 1985
Initial Claims	11,750	21,557	- 45.4
No. of Payments	73,778	49,788	+ 48.2
Amt. of Payments	$ 9,360,195	$ 6,139,215	+ 52.5
Exhaustions	1,075	968	+ 11.1

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
Initial Claims	3,604	2,816	4,102
No. of Payments	24,208	23,634	22,093
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,165,045	$ 3,056,659	$ 2,745,931

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	496.7	504.3	497.3
Unemployment	26.2	22.9	31.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	4.5	6.3
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.5	4.7	5.4

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	340.0	340.5	334.1
Unemployment	13.8	12.9	17.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.1	3.8	5.2

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	139.2	138.6	137.5
Unemployment	8.3	7.0	8.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.0	5.1	6.1

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	41,455	42,355	39,320
Unemployment	1,310	1,460	1,415
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.2	3.4	3.6

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
NOVEMBER 18-22, 1985

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	10,404	100.0
Men	5,635	54.2
Under 45	4,211	74.7
45 and over	1,424	25.3
Women	4,769	45.8
Under 45	2,705	56.7
45 and over	2,064	43.3
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	784	7.5
Manufacturing	5,090	48.9
Public Utilities	288	2.8
Wholesale and Retail	1,744	16.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	240	2.3
Service	1,664	16.0
All Other	594	5.7
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,744	16.8
Clerical and Sales	1,761	16.9
Service	960	9.2
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	112	1.1
Processing	288	2.8
Machine Trades	1,568	15.1
Bench Work	1,376	13.2
Structural Work	1,216	11.7
Miscellaneous	1,040	10.0
INA	339	3.2

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	420.7	431.4	418.2	- 10,700	+ 2,500
MANUFACTURING	118.8	120.8	119.5	- 2,000	- 700
NONMANUFACTURING	301.9	310.6	298.7	- 8,700	+ 3,200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.5	14.8	12.7	- 1,300	+ 800
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.6	13.8	13.5	- 200	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	91.3	95.9	89.8	- 4,600	+ 1,500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.2	23.3	23.0	- 100	+ 200
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	102.5	104.9	101.2	- 2,400	+ 1,300
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.8	57.9	58.5	- 100	- 700

1986 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1985 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES					
	IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1985
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.8	120.8	119.5	-2000	-700	315.87	302.76	40.6	40.1	7.78	7.55
DURABLE GOODS	81.1	82.8	81.6	-1700	-500	318.65	309.87	40.8	40.4	7.81	7.67
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0	372.69	332.40	41.0	40.0	9.09	8.31
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.6	1.7	1.6	- 100	0	391.68	372.10	40.8	40.8	9.60	9.12
PRIMARY METALS	6.2	6.2	6.2*	0	0	376.47	385.00	42.3	43.8	8.90	8.79
FABRICATED METALS	9.6	9.6	9.6	0	0	283.71	266.40	40.3	40.0	7.04	6.66
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.6*	5.8*	5.6	- 200	0	430.60	418.19	44.3	44.3	9.72	9.44
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.0	12.2	12.0	- 200	0	306.75	281.23	40.9	37.8	7.50	7.44
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.6	9.6	9.9	0	-300	413.70	432.48	40.4	42.4	10.24	10.20
INSTRUMENTS	5.7*	5.7*	5.7*	0	0	312.28	289.88	42.2	40.6	7.40	7.14
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.5	23.6	23.1	-1100	-600	255.63	233.02	40.9	39.9	6.25	5.84
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	5.7	5.2	- 100	+400	229.16	226.77	33.7	34.1	6.80	6.65
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.7	38.0	37.9	- 300	-200	309.57	288.75	40.1	39.5	7.72	7.31
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0	249.31	231.47	37.1	36.8	6.72	6.29
TEXTILES	10.6	10.7	10.7	- 100	-100	297.62	272.83	41.8	40.3	7.12	6.77
APPAREL	3.2	3.3	3.2	- 100	0	269.53	252.53	40.9	40.6	6.59	6.22
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+100	287.70	272.17	41.1	41.3	7.00	6.59
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.3	6.4	6.3	- 100	0	396.07	384.94	37.4	38.0	10.59	10.13
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	-100	413.17	403.76	44.4	41.2	9.98	9.80
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0	315.90	302.52	40.5	41.9	7.80	7.22
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.5	5.5	5.6	0	-100	308.88	286.52	39.6	37.9	7.80	7.56
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0	227.26	213.30	39.8	39.5	5.71	5.40

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Within the Durable Goods producing sector, the largest monthly job decrease occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-1,100). In addition, downturns of 200 each were posted in Nonelectrical Machinery and Electrical Machinery, followed by declines of 100 workers each in Stone-Clay-Glass and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. Payrolls in the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged for the month. On an annual basis, the only employment increase was registered in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing sector (+400). Conversely, annual job declines were recorded in Jewelry-Silverware (-600) and Transportation Equipment (-300). Employment in the remaining Durable Goods industries was unchanged from a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly payroll reductions were evident in Textiles, Apparel and Printing-Publishing (-100 each) while the remaining segments stayed at their December employment levels. Compared to a year ago, the sole Nondurable Goods employment increase occurred in Paper Products (+100). Annual job declines of 100 each were reported in Textiles, Chemical Products and Plastics Products. Employment in the five remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from January 1985.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector decreased by 8,700 from December to January, primarily due to seasonal reductions in Wholesale and Retail Trade, Services, and Construction. However, the January total of 301,900 was 3,200 jobs above the January 1985 level of 298,700.

Wholesale and Retail Trade reflected reduced post-holiday activity, declining by 4,600 jobs from December to a level of 91,300; this figure represents an annual increase of 1,500, however. Another sizable employment decrease was reported in the Service category, which fell 2,400 to 102,500, but this was a gain of 1,300 from January 1985. Contract Construction at 13,500, also displayed a rather large seasonal reduction (-1,300), but again, this segment was up (+800) over its year ago figure. Total Government employment declined by 100 monthly and 700 annually, to a level of 57,800. Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,600, reported a monthly decrease of 200 workers, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 23,200 recorded a drop of 100 from December. Still, compared to a year earlier, the former was up 100 and the latter rose by 200 jobs.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 4 cents to $7.78 in January; this represents a gain of 23 cents per hour compared to a year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.4 of an hour in Janaury to 40.6 hours, but this was 0.5 of an hour greater than the January 1985 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in January amounted to $315.87, which was a decrease of $1.47 from December; however, the current weekly earnings level was up $13.11 from January of last year. Hours and earnings figures for 1985 have been revised to reflect updated survey data.

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